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National Demo

A national demonstration in support of the teachers' pay claim will assemble at 11.00am on 27th October in Kelvingrove Park in Glasgow, and march to George Square where a rally will take place. Every Local Association should plan to enable as many members as possible to attend.

We shall also be supporting some Local Associations with the cost of hiring buses. As reps, we hope you encourage as many members as possible within your school to attend the national demo. More information and details will soon follow.

Action for Representatives: Liaise with your LA Secretary regarding the arrangements for the national demo and facilitate as many branch members as possible to attend.

Pay Campaign Seminars

We have arranged pay campaign seminars for reps and activists as set out below:

Aberdeen - 20th September - Best Western Summerhill (20 Summerhill Ct, AB15 6TW)

Dundee - 24th September - Best Western Queens Hotel (160 Nethergate, DD1 4DU)

Edinburgh - 10th & 24th September - EIS HQ, (Moray Place, EH3 6BH)

Glasgow - 17th September - STUC (333 Woodlands Rd, G3 6NG)

Each seminar begins at 5.00pm, should last for around 2 hours and will have a buffet. We encourage all reps and activists to attend the most convenient pay campaign seminar for them.

Action for Representatives: Please attend a pay campaign seminar and encourage other activists in your school to attend too. Please register with Jennifer Cook JCook@eis.org.uk.

Gwen Mayor Trust

The Gwen Mayor Memorial Trust was established following the tragic events in Dunblane Primary School on 13 March 1996, when teacher, Gwen Mayor, lost her life along with 16 pupils. The purpose of the Trust is "to advance education by providing financial support for projects in connection with the arts, culture, music or sport submitted to the Trustees by primary schools or departments in Scotland."

Applications are now invited from primary schools and departments in Scotland. Proposed projects should fall within the purpose of the fund as set out above. Requests for full or partial funding of projects will be considered.

A letter is enclosed giving full details of the Gwen Mayor Trust and how to apply for funding support.

Action for Representatives in primary schools and primary departments only: Please pass the enclosed letter to your Headteacher.

Up-to-date Membership Information from Your School

As a trade union, we need to be ready for any eventuality arising from the SNCT pay negotiations. We have a clear aim and we are seeking a negotiated settlement at the SNCT. These negotiations are going slowly and if there is no progress we may need to consider balloting members for industrial action. Our membership lists need to be accurate so that all members are able to vote, as turnout is crucial in any ballot for industrial action. Accurate data on workplaces is also needed to comply with trade union legislation.

Action for Representatives: Please ask that new EIS members at your school and any EIS members that have moved address, update their membership details on our website.

Recruitment & Probationers

It is crucial that we continue to recruit new members to our union. Please approach any new members of staff at your school as soon as possible and invite them to a Branch meeting. If they are not already a member then please invite them to join (unless they specify they are already a member of another teaching union).

You may also have probationers at your school and we ask that you approach them and invite them to join the EIS. Membership is free for student members and probationers. We will be writing to you separately with more details on probationer members.

Action for Representatives: Please approach new staff and probationers to invite them to join us.

Equality Rep Training

A Stage 1 course will take place on Friday 7th September and Friday 5th October 2018 in HQ, from 10am – 4pm each day, with lunch provided, and there are still spaces available. Interested members should seek approval from their LA/Branch Secretary as soon as possible to take part in this training course. Equality rep training requires a 4-day commitment; a 2-day Stage 2 course will follow, starting on 16th November 2018, and with the final day scheduled for Friday 14th December 2018.

Members can find out more about this important role at www.eis.org.uk/Become-Active/Equality-Reps or they are welcome to contact National Officer Jenny Kemp for an informal chat jkemp@eis.org.uk.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please encourage available members to become equality reps and make them aware of the upcoming training.

EIS Reps Training (TUC Course) 2018 – Inverness and Glasgow

There are still several places available for the EIS TUC Representatives Course in Inverness (27th-28th September) and Glasgow (13th -14th September).

If you are a relatively new school Rep and would like to take part in this training, please contact your Local Association Secretary. If you are a Rep who is looking to retire in the near future, you may wish to discuss this training with another member in your school with a view to succession planning. If you have any general enquiries regarding this training, please contact Jennifer Cook jcook@eis.org.uk.

Action for Representatives: Contact your LA Secretary if you wish to enrol on forthcoming EIS TUC Reps Courses.

Organiser Support

There are now five EIS Organisers based in offices in Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow who are available to support Local Associations, College Branches and University Branches.

A key part of their role is to support our campaigning agenda. If you wish assistance to organise a branch meeting or wish to invite the Organisers to a branch meeting, then please make contact at www.eis.org.uk/Contacts/Organisers

Action for Representatives: Contact Organisers if you wish further support or a visit.

Scottish Learning Festival 2018

Registration for SLF 2018 is now open. SLF is the only free national education event in Scotland with something on offer for everyone involved in Scottish education.

SLF 2018 takes place on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 September in the SEC, Glasgow.

SLF offers opportunities to access high-quality and highly engaging professional learning as well as opportunities to explore, discuss and exchange knowledge and ideas with thousands of professional colleagues and experts.

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please encourage interested members to book now at www.eis.org.uk/Meetings-And-Events/SLF18 to guarantee a place and their choice of seminars as many sessions fill up before the summer break.

EIS and City & Guilds Masters Professional Practitioner Award – Masters in Education at SCQF Level 11

In partnership with the EIS, City & Guilds offers this SCQF Level 11 Masters in Education (MPPA), designed for practising teachers and educators who wish to develop their skills and experience. The programme is a comprehensive qualification that offers structured support for self-study, work-based development activities and end of unit assignments. It is completed online via the City & Guilds Learning Assistant e-portfolio system.

The first unit (of three) is fully funded by the Scottish Government. Apply now - last few places remaining.

For more information please visit www.eis.org.uk/External-PL/Masters

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the City & Guilds programme.

Globe Education – ‘Ways into Shakespeare’

The EIS will again be working in partnership with Globe Education to bring their ‘Ways into Shakespeare’ workshops to Glasgow on the 4th and 5th October 2018.

These interactive and inspiring workshops are aimed at upper primary and secondary English and Drama teachers and are suitable for teachers working with children and young people with additional support needs. Three workshops will run over the two days with places limited to 25 teachers per workshop. To register visit www.eis.org.uk/Training-And-Workshops/GlobeShakespeareWorkshops2018

Action for Representatives and Branch Secretaries: Please make members aware of the upcoming workshops.

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